



# Ballard High School Performing Arts

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## A Closer Look at Our Choral Program

### **Treble Choir**

Treble Choir is open to all women in the school who enjoy music and wish to become better singers and performers. All ninth grade women who wish to join choir will begin their high school choir experience in this ensemble. Treble choir learns and performs music for the female voice in a variety of musical styles, from classical to Broadway and pop. Students will learn correct vocal technique, music theory, sight-reading, expressive singing, and how to work together to create a dynamic musical performance. Students are encouraged to take Treble Choir for as many years as they wish.

### **Advanced Chorale**

Advanced Chorale is an ensemble made up of intermediate to advanced soprano and alto voices. Students will sing and perform quality choral literature of the highest level from a large variety of genres, cultures, and styles. This group performs at numerous school concerts and festivals, as well as additional honors and invitational concerts, throughout the year. In addition to their performance schedule, students spend time developing advanced music reading and comprehension skills, as well as refining their vocal technique and their ability to sing expressively. Advanced Chorale attends the fall choir camp and frequently travels on a choir tour.

### **Concert Choir**

Concert Choir is a large performing group for all voice parts. Students sing and perform quality choral literature from a variety of genres, cultures, and styles. There is an emphasis on building musicianship skills through a program of sight reading, music theory, ear training, and vocal technique. This group performs choral literature of the highest level at four to five school concerts and two to three festivals throughout the year, where they consistently receive Superior ratings. Concert Choir also attends fall choir camp, participates in numerous workshops and invitationals, and frequently travels on a choir tour.

### **Vocal Jazz**

Vocal Jazz is a small mixed ensemble for advanced singers. Students will sing a variety of choral literature with an emphasis on jazz music. A high level of sight reading, music theory, ear training, and vocal technique is expected. This group participates in vocal jazz festivals throughout the northwest and performs at numerous singing gigs in and around the Seattle area. Auditions are held each spring for the following school year. A sound technician and a jazz rhythm section may also be enrolled each year. (*Vocal Jazz is a zero period class, earning full credit, which meets at a designated time outside of the 6-period school day. To be a participant in Vocal Jazz, students must also be enrolled in another music ensemble group during the school day.*)

### **Extracurricular Choral Program—Women’s Chamber Choir**

Women’s Chamber Choir is an ensemble that rehearses once a week after school on Tuesdays. Students perform advanced choral literature for soprano and alto voices, participate in Solo and Ensemble Contest consistently receive Superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Contest, and also participate in various smaller concerts and gigs throughout the area. Auditions occur in the fall.

### **Extracurricular Choral Program—Men’s Ensemble**

Men’s Ensemble is an ensemble that rehearses once a week after school on Wednesdays. Students will sing a variety of music including doo-wop, contemporary rock, pop, classical, and folk music. Men’s Ensemble performs for all school concerts as well as assemblies, gigs throughout the area, and at Solo and Ensemble Contest. Auditions occur in the fall.

## Uniforms

### Concert Choir Men and Men's Ensemble uniforms

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- Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, and cummerbund. *All men will be measured by Ted Brown Music on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30 PM. at Ballard High School. This is mandatory for all men.* Concert attire is loaned to students for the school year. *Students must provide black socks, black dress shoes, tux shirt, cuff-links, and studs.* Tux shirts, cuff-links and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99 plus tax.

### Concert Choir Women and Chamber Choir uniforms

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- Black skirt and red blouse. *All women will try on their concert clothes on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-3:00. If you cannot make September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM until 1 PM. Freshmen will be fitted on both days.* Concert attire is loaned to students for the school year. *Students must provide black, closed toe dress shoes.*

### Advanced Chorale uniforms

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- Black skirt and black blouse. *All women will try on their concert clothes on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-3:00. If you cannot make September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM until 1 PM. Freshmen will be fitted on both days.* Concert attire is loaned to students for the school year. *Students must provide black, closed toe dress shoes.*

### Treble Choir uniforms

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- Black dresses with white accents. *All women will try on their concert clothes on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-3:00. If you cannot make September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM until 1 PM. Freshmen will be fitted on both days.* Concert attire is loaned out to students for the school year. *Students must provide black, closed toe dress shoes.*

### Vocal Jazz uniforms

Each year the vocal jazz students decide on the women's and men's attire for that year, which they will order, purchase and own. Price varies from year to year.

### T-shirt

All choir members will have the same t-shirt, which comes included in the annual fee. This shirt is worn on trips and at informal events where formal attire is not required.



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## Fees

### Music Department Annual fee

*\$130 yearly fee paid by all choir students. Fee must be paid by September 16th, 2016.* Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community, and deeply appreciate your support. Choir students may participate in band and/or orchestra without paying another fee. Jazz Bands and percussion class include separate fees.

### Choir Camp

*\$160 fee paid by Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale. Fee must be paid by July 1, 2016.*  
Camp will be held at Camp Burton on Vashon Island, September 16-18, 2016.

### Trip Fees for 2016-2017

*Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale: Approximately \$400*

### Spread payments over the summer

You now have the opportunity to spread these payments over the summer for choir activities. Make checks payable to Ballard Performing Arts and send to BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127. Payments can also be made online by credit card at [www.ballardperformingarts.org](http://www.ballardperformingarts.org) then go to Boosters Tab, then Forms and Payments. The online cost will include the processing fees.

*The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances. Therefore, we offer scholarships to students who may need financial support or assistance. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please download the form at: <http://www.ballardperformingarts.org/Boosters/FormsandPayments.aspx> and return it to your students' teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.*

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## Choir Events

Women's Uniform Fitting: September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Men's Uniform Fitting: September 13<sup>th</sup> 3-5:30  
Ballard Performing Arts Meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm BHS Library

Choir Camp for Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale:  
September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## Contacts

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## Ballard Performing Arts Check List

### Volunteer Interest Form

Please return at uniform fitting or mail with payment.

**All BPA Students:** please circle group

Band                  Choir                  Orchestra

Camp Fee                                  \$160.00  
    due July 1

Annual Program Fee                      \$130.00  
    due Sept 16

### Program Specific Fees:

Jazz I & II Fee                              \$100.00  
    Due Sept 16

Percussion Class Fee                      \$50.00  
    Due Sept 16

You may pay any of the above fees online at [www.ballardperformingarts.org](http://www.ballardperformingarts.org) or by check made out to: BPA, PO Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127

### All Band members, including percussion

ASB Card Fee                              \$35.00  
    Due Sept 16

You may pay this fee only by check, made out to BHS ASB. You may mail to address above, or drop in music room mailbox.

If you need financial assistance, please complete and return the scholarship form found on the website.

Questions? [ballardperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto:ballardperformingarts@gmail.com)